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TAGS: BEXP
SUBJECT: SUMED

1. CAIRO PRESS SEPTEMBER 12 REPORTS ON A SADAT INTERVIEW IN LE MONDE. IN REPLY TO QUESTION FROM JOURNALIST CONCERNING SUMED AND OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, SADAT SAID "FRANCE IS INDEED HELPING US AND WE APPRECIATE ITS ASSISTANCE, BUT THE SUMED PROJECT IS SOMETHING ELSE." SADAT THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS NOT AT ALL PLEASED WITH EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM WHICH HAD "RAISED ITS PRICES AND STIRRED MUCH TROUBLE, THUS WASTING MUCH TIME WITH THE PROJECT REMAINING UNFILLED." HE SAID EGYPT HAD THEREFORE SECURED THE AID OF ITS ARAB BROTHER TOWARDS (THE SUMED) PROJECT.

2. SAUDI AMBASSADOR NAZIR TOLD ME ON EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 11 THAT FINAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOW IN PROGRESS IN CAIRO BETWEEN SAUDIS AND EGYPTIANS TO WORK OUT REMAINING DETAILS OF SUMED. HE THOUGHT THAT
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AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED VERY SHORTLY. I MENTIONED

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THAT CAIRO PRESS HAD REPORTED PRESENCE OF KAMAL ADHAM IN EGYPT. NAZIR SMILED AND CONCEDED THAT ADHAM WAS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS. NAZIR ALSO ASKED ME ABOUT EXIM BANK COMMITMENT, AND I TOLD HIM THAT EXIM HAD AGREED TO PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT FOR PROJECT.

3. COMMENT: THANKS TO SAUDI SUPPORT, IT APPEARS THAT FAVORABLE ACTION IS ABOUT TO BE TAKEN ON KIDDER, PEABODY/BECHTEL PROPOSAL.
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